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Year 6 Parent/Carer Newsletter - Spring 1 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! Welcome back and we hope that you and your family enjoyed the Christmas break and were able to celebrate in this difficult time.

The Year 6 children had another very successful half-term before Christmas. We were so pleased to be able to go to Murton Park for our evacuee experience days. The children behaved very well, asking and answering questions and immersing themselves in the experience. We are pleased to let you know that we have enough children signed up to Peat Rigg. We continue to be optimistic about this fantastic trip. If your child has not signed up to go but is now considering it, please get in contact. Also, if you have any queries, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Homework

Well done to all the children who continually complete their maths homework, learn their spellings and complete the homework challenges on time. We were particularly impressed with the standard and quality of work of homework challenges last half-term again. We'd also like to thank you for your continuing support of your child's learning.

However, we do have a small number of children who are consistently not completing their Mymaths or homework challenge on time or with a good level of effort. With the children starting secondary school next academic year, we feel it is important to develop their independence and organisation skills now, in preparation for this. We would therefore please ask parents and carers to remind and encourage the children to complete their homework and to ask for help if needed.

For reference, the homework expectations for Y6 are:

Spellings – 10 spellings to be learnt and tested weekly (given out on Mondays and tested on Fridays)

Maths – Mymaths homework and a 10 minute maths worksheet set each Tuesday for the following week

Homework challenges – 4 tasks (one from each category) to be completed each half term.

Reading – We expect every pupil to read at least 3 times a week at home. This is a book or other reading material of their choice. They need to jot this in their homework diary on the correct day.

In addition to this, at the end of January your child will be provided with Reading, Grammar and Maths SATs revision books to work from. These will help your child revise and prepare for these tests. More information will follow.

Homework diaries/planners

Also, in preparation for secondary school, we are asking that the pupils ask you to sign their homework diaries each weekend and these are checked in school on Monday mornings. This is an expectation at secondary level and by asking the children to do this in Y6, we are hopefully helping this become a good habit for them. We ask that you do this to acknowledge that you have seen the week's spellings and also to confirm any reading logs they have added that week.

KS2 SATs Week - week commencing Monday 9th May 2022

The government is currently planning to administer these tests as usual, which include assessments in reading, grammar, spelling, punctuation and maths. We will continue to assess writing in school as usual throughout the year.

PE

We will continue to have PE lessons on Wednesdays and Thursdays so the children need to continue to come to school in their kit on those days. In preparation for their new school, children will undertake PE lessons outside as much as possible even though the weather is likely to be very unpredictable at this time of year. Please make sure your child has the suitable clothing for lessons.

Thank you for your continued support. The Year 6 Team









